



## Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Birse Community Hall

**Committee Members present:** Richard Wright (Chair), David Winton (Treasurer), Jane Winton, Norman Kellas, Doug Boyle, Rick Paul (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Anne Paul, Gareth Wright, Sam Wright, Robert Dinnie, Dorothy Dinnie, Ellie Flather, Scott Duthie, Sally Duthie, Stuart McConnach.

**1. Introduction, AOB and Apologies for Absence.**

-The Chairman welcomed those attending, noted four items for AOB and nine apologies.

**2. Minutes of Previous AGM.**

-The previous AGM minutes were accepted as correct.

**3. Matters Arising (not dealt with elsewhere).**

- None

**4. Chairman's Report.**

- In March, Richard, Jane, Doug and Rick attended a Birse Parish Liaison Meeting hosted by BCT and attended by local Community Council and Community Association members.
- In May, Doug, David, Jane and Rick attended BCT's Annual General Meeting in Finzean Hall.
- In June BACA held its annual BBQ at the hall with 31 folk attending. There were games for old and young and a grand raffle completed a most enjoyable day. Many thanks to all who participated.
- In August, Jane, Doug and Rick attended a BCT/ETBK/BACA meeting in the hall (minutes previously circulated).

- In September Richard, Jane, David, Doug and Rick attended the second Birse Parish Liaison Meeting hosted by BCA and attended by local Community Council and Community Association members.
- After the Remembrance Service at Corsedardar earlier last month, a further service was held at Birse Kirk. 24 people were pleased to be served tea and cakes by Dorothy Dinnie in our hall afterwards.
- The Hall was used 73 times in the last year. Anne's pilates classes accounted for 52, the remainder comprising meetings by BACA, BTCO, B2C2, BCT, ETBK, Remembrance Day, a Christening, two weddings and Dunecht rents.
- The cooker in the kitchen is still broken and therefore disconnected. It is narrow, only 18" wide and used so rarely that it would be hard to justify buying a new one. If anyone knows of a suitable cooker we would be most grateful.
- Finally, the Chairman took the opportunity to thank all who contributed their free time to ensure BACA had another successful year.

This concluded the Chairman's report and the Treasurer was asked to give the financial report to the meeting.

## **5. Treasurer's Report.**

- The Treasurer reported that BACA's bank balance showed a marginal drop on last year's figures, although outstanding hire charges should bring the figures to break even. Utilities and insurance are both up to date. The Treasurer was thanked for his report.

## **6. Election of Committee Members for 2017.**

- The current committee members were all willing to be re-elected. The committee members for 2017 are therefore:-
  - Richard Wright (Chair)
  - David Winton (Treasurer)
  - Stuart McConnach
  - Jane Winton
  - Norman Kellas
  - Doug Boyle
  - Rick Paul (Secretary)

## **7. Any Other Business.**

- The committee considered an enquiry from Callum Kitching asking to use the hall for table tennis games and decided that it was a reasonable request and therefore agreed that he should be allowed access.
- Norman reported that thinning is due to take place in February on Birse Hill, above the cistern track.
- Norman reported that the South Deeside Road by Waterside is due to be closed for about three weeks in February to repair the landslip.
- Jane reported that the old wooden bridge on the track between Oldyleiper and the bus stop was badly damaged in last year's flooding and needs to be repaired. Norman agreed to investigate.

There being no further business, RW thanked all those present for their attendance and closed the meeting.